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 ♦ Who knows that the sun will shine again,
 ♦ That the clouds will pass and we need the rain;
 ♦ Who buckles down to a pile of work,
 ♦ And never gives up and never will shirk
 ♦ 'Till the task is done and the toll made sweet,
 ♦ While the temples throb with the red blood's heat.
 —Selected.

Next Saturday we vote on the proposition of floating \$25,000 in bonds for the construction of a new high school building. For once a great

many of our people and taxpayers do not know just what is the best thing to do. Every one is loyal to our school and while under ordinary circumstances they would enthusiastically support the bond issue, but our taxes are so high and will be for at least another year, not a few are considering if it would not be better to utilize the three or four vacant rooms until things adjust themselves. Those interested in the Beaver Creek water project are firmly of the opinion that the year following its completion the revenue which is now \$1000 per month, will be increased and will be sufficient to pay the running expenses and interest on the bonds. If this is correct, our city levy would be reduced materially. We are going through a period of radical change; things and conditions are rapidly adjusting themselves, but this requires time.

This city has lost its revenue through the adoption of the local option, and as yet our expenses are practically the same. These will be reduced in time. To illustrate, our court expenses seemingly will be greatly reduced if present conditions prevail. We have not had a prisoner in our county jail for over one month; we have only had one arrest in our police court for over one month, and there has not been a criminal case before our justice of the peace for many weeks. We understand that this condition prevails in a great measure, all over the county. If this continues, it reads a lower rate of both county and city taxation.

Others are of the opinion that we should have more ward schools; one has been suggested in the western part of the city. Others see the needs of a strictly up-to-date high school, properly equipped with laboratories and gymnasium features, and are willing to

be taxed for it. Public sentiment is rapidly being formed and while little is being said, many are thinking and the indications are that the vote will be quite heavy, in comparison with former school elections.

There is not the least question but that the irrigation project will be brought to a successful reality if the present proposed \$100,000 corporation is formed. It will be only accomplished by a thorough canvass and then only possible by the hearty support of both city and country. The city is certainly doing its part at present, and if the land owners will co-operate, which they are doing, the money will be raised and even the most enthusiastic will see such development as they hardly dared to hope for. Water on Grande Ronde soil means increased dividends every year.

Quite a number of subscribers to the water project are doing so simply to assist in bringing it about, not expecting it to prove an investment. For once these loyal boosters are surely doomed to disappointment. Go into any of the irrigation sections and try and buy water stock, and see if you can find any at par. Those who have given this matter serious consideration are confident that this stock will rapidly double in value and go where you may, there are ample precedents to bear out their conclusions.

Who would have thought the South pole would have been discovered first. This simply means the spirit in some explorers' breast will never cease until the flag of some nation is hoisted, yet after not very much will be accomplished when it is found. Town lots will never be worth very much in this region.

Just about the time we begin to try and make ourselves believe that capital punishment is simply a relic of barbarism and should be abolished, some atrocious crime is committed, such as the kidnaping of a child for ransom, then we doubt the wisdom, which theoretically is sound.

Of our eighty millions of people no less than seventy-nine million nine hundred thousand wish Mr. Roosevelt a successful trip, returning on schedule time, possessed with his usual vigor and health, and several trophies of his hunt.

HURRY WORK ON STAMPS.
 Government Stamp Factory Turning Out Revenue Getters.

Washington, March 24.—Unusual activity at the bureau of engraving and printing in the installation of machines for the printing of stamps and the working overtime of the entire stamp printing force, gives color to the belief that the new tariff bill will contain clauses re-enacting the stamp taxes that were levied during the Spanish-American war period.

The bureau has been busy printing millions of stamps and it is believed that the bureau officials anticipate or have been advised by the treasury department that the task will fall on the bureau to produce adhesive stamps for use on proprietary medicines, perfumery, chewing gum, checks, notes and other commercial paper, light wines, etc. Mechanics have been installing stamp printing machines and a force has been kept busy for the entire 24 hours for several days.

Because of the limited space and facilities at the bureau, it will be necessary to start work almost immediately to make preparations to furnish stamps if congress decrees that stamp taxes shall again be collected. The ordinary work of this branch of the treasury department necessitates two shifts a day to print the paper money, postage stamps, revenue stamps and other plate printed matter.

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Tornado Wrecks Forty Homes.
 Dallas, Texas, March 24.—J. D. Walsh, wife and five children and a farm hand, name unknown, were burned to death in the ruins of their home, which was wrecked by a tornado. The house was located at Stiddie, where 40 houses were destroyed.

Bids Wanted.
 Sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of the Joseph Ware-

house Co., of Joseph, Oregon, up to Saturday, March 20th, 1909, at 10 a. m., for the construction of a warehouse at the City of Joseph. Said warehouse to be completed on or before Tuesday, May 25, 1909. Bidders to furnish a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Caviness & Wurzweller, Joseph, Oregon.
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